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Dr. David Talmage
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Dear David:

Following up on the enclosure, I am assembling material for another chapter of memoir on the genetics of antibody formation. I have a couple of favors to ask of you:

- 1) Do you still have the enclosures that went with my letter to you of September 16, 1958? Just what did I send you? (I presume it was a draft of the Mueller lecture I was scheduled to present at Harvard in November.)
- 2) Do you recall, had we met before then? I imagine I was prompted to write you by your article in Ann Rev Med 1957. Would there have been other occasions?
- 3) My copies of your reprints evidently did not survive my move from Stanford. Can you replenish those very early ones: ca. 1957-60?
- 4) What is your recollection of the reception given to the selection theory? Mel Cohn was certainly very negative! What's behind those reports of two or more antibodies per cell?
- 5) If you have your own historical accounts, I'd be grateful if you'd share them with me.

Of course I'd be happy to reciprocate. I enclose most or all of our own correspondence of that era.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

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